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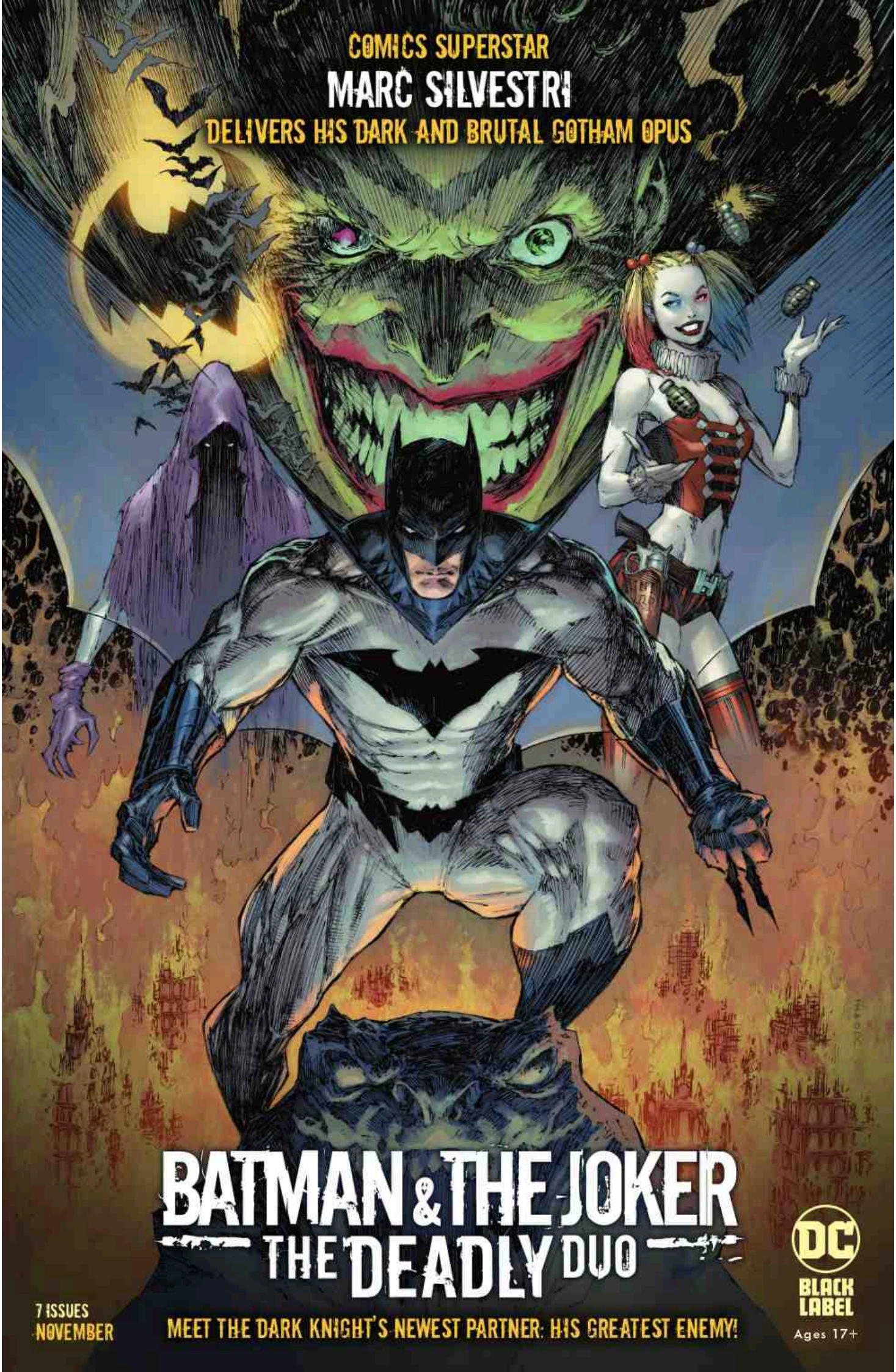
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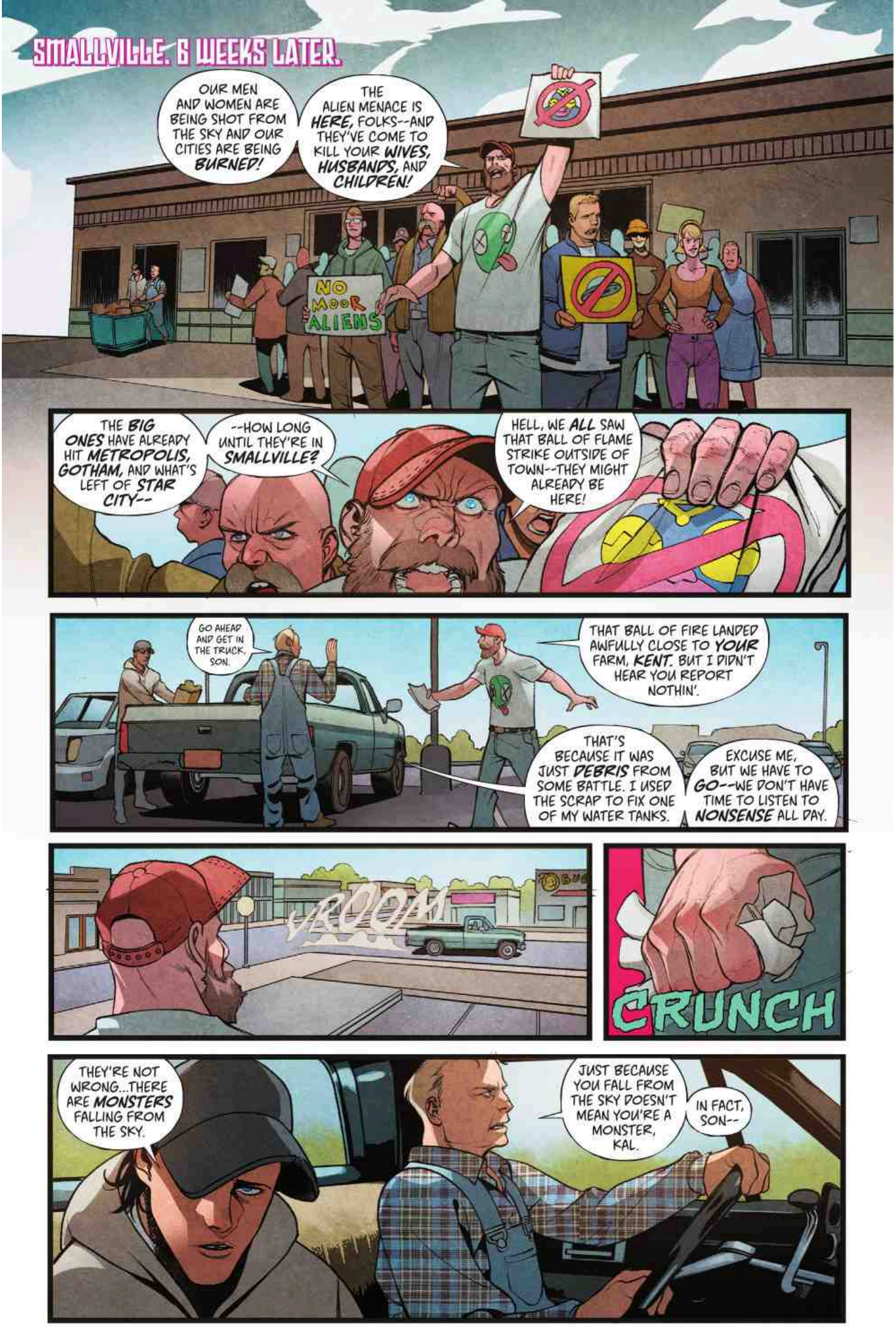
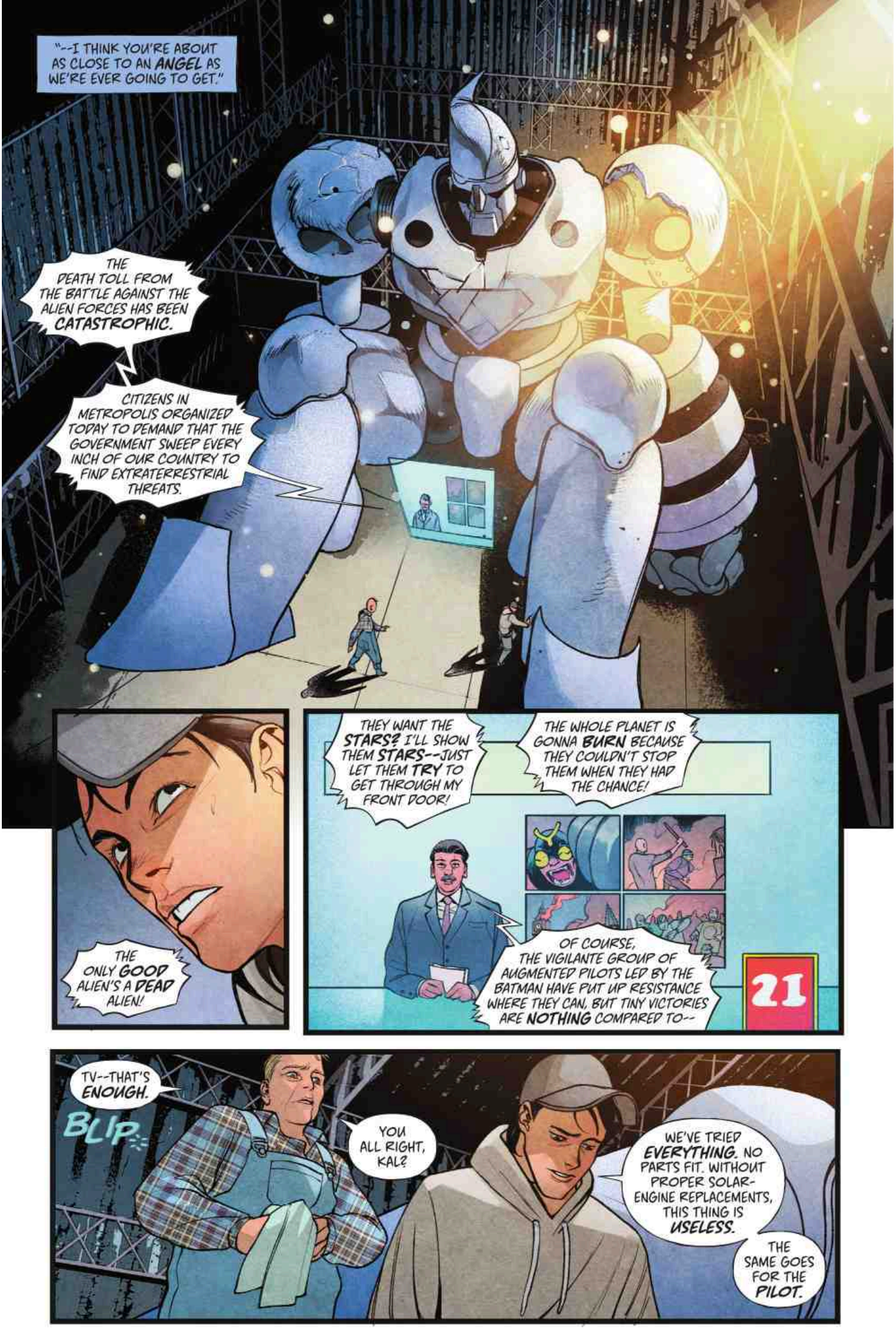

SMALLVILLE. 6 WEEKS LATER.
OUR MEN AND WOMEN ARE BEING SHOT FROM THE SKY AND OUR CITIES ARE BEING BURNED!
THE ALIEN MENACE IS HERE, FOLKS--AND THEY'VE COME TO KILL YOUR WIVES, HUSBANDS, AND CHILDREN!
NO MOOR ALIENS
THE BIG ONES HAVE ALREADY HIT METROPOLIS, GOTHAM, AND WHAT'S LEFT OF STAR CITY--
--HOW LONG UNTIL THEY'RE IN SMALLVILLE?
HELL, WE ALL SAW THAT BALL OF FLAME STRIKE OUTSIDE OF TOWN--THEY MIGHT ALREADY BE HERE!
GO AHEAD AND GET IN THE TRUCK, SON.
THAT BALL OF FIRE LANDED AWFULLY CLOSE TO YOUR FARM, KENT. BUT I DIDN'T HEAR YOU REPORT NOTHIN'.
THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS JUST DEBRIS FROM SOME BATTLE. I USED THE SCRAP TO FIX ONE OF MY WATER TANKS.
EXCUSE ME, BUT WE HAVE TO GO--WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO NONSENSE ALL DAY.
VROOM
CRUNCH
THEY'RE NOT WRONG...THERE ARE MONSTERS FALLING FROM THE SKY.
JUST BECAUSE YOU FALL FROM THE SKY DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE A MONSTER, KAL.
IN FACT, SON--


"--I THINK YOU'RE ABOUT AS CLOSE TO AN ANGEL AS WE'RE EVER GOING TO GET."
THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE BATTLE AGAINST THE ALIEN FORCES HAS BEEN CATASTROPHIC.
CITIZENS IN METROPOLIS ORGANIZED TODAY TO DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT SWEEP EVERY INCH OF OUR COUNTRY TO FIND EXTRATERRESTRIAL THREATS.
THE ONLY GOOD ALIEN'S A DEAD ALIEN!
THEY WANT THE STARS? I'LL SHOW THEM STARS--JUST LET THEM TRY TO GET THROUGH MY FRONT DOOR!
THE WHOLE PLANET IS GONNA BURN BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T STOP THEM WHEN THEY HAD THE CHANCE!
OF COURSE, THE VIGILANTE GROUP OF AUGMENTED PILOTS LED BY THE BATMAN HAVE PUT UP RESISTANCE WHERE THEY CAN, BUT TINY VICTORIES ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO--
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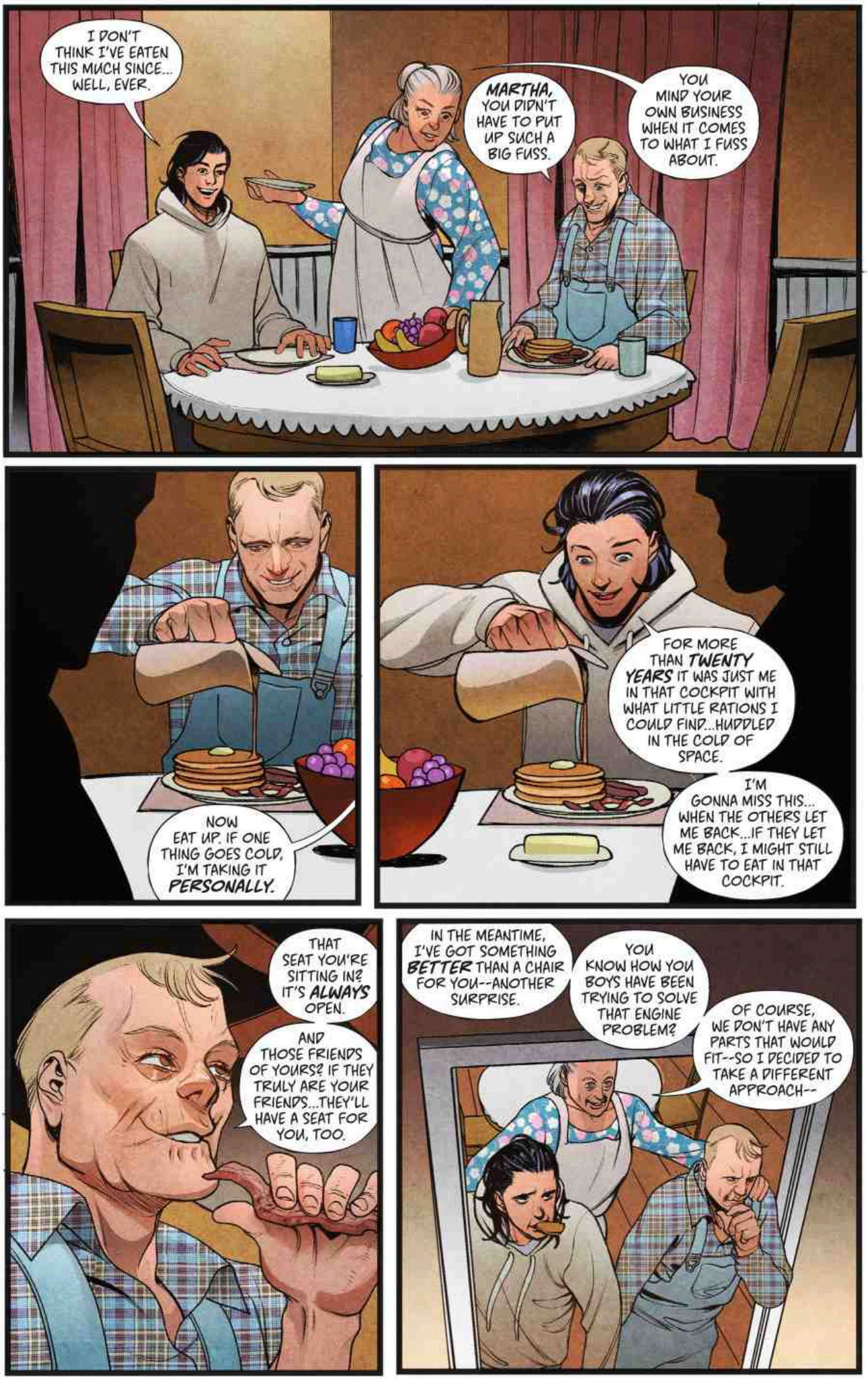
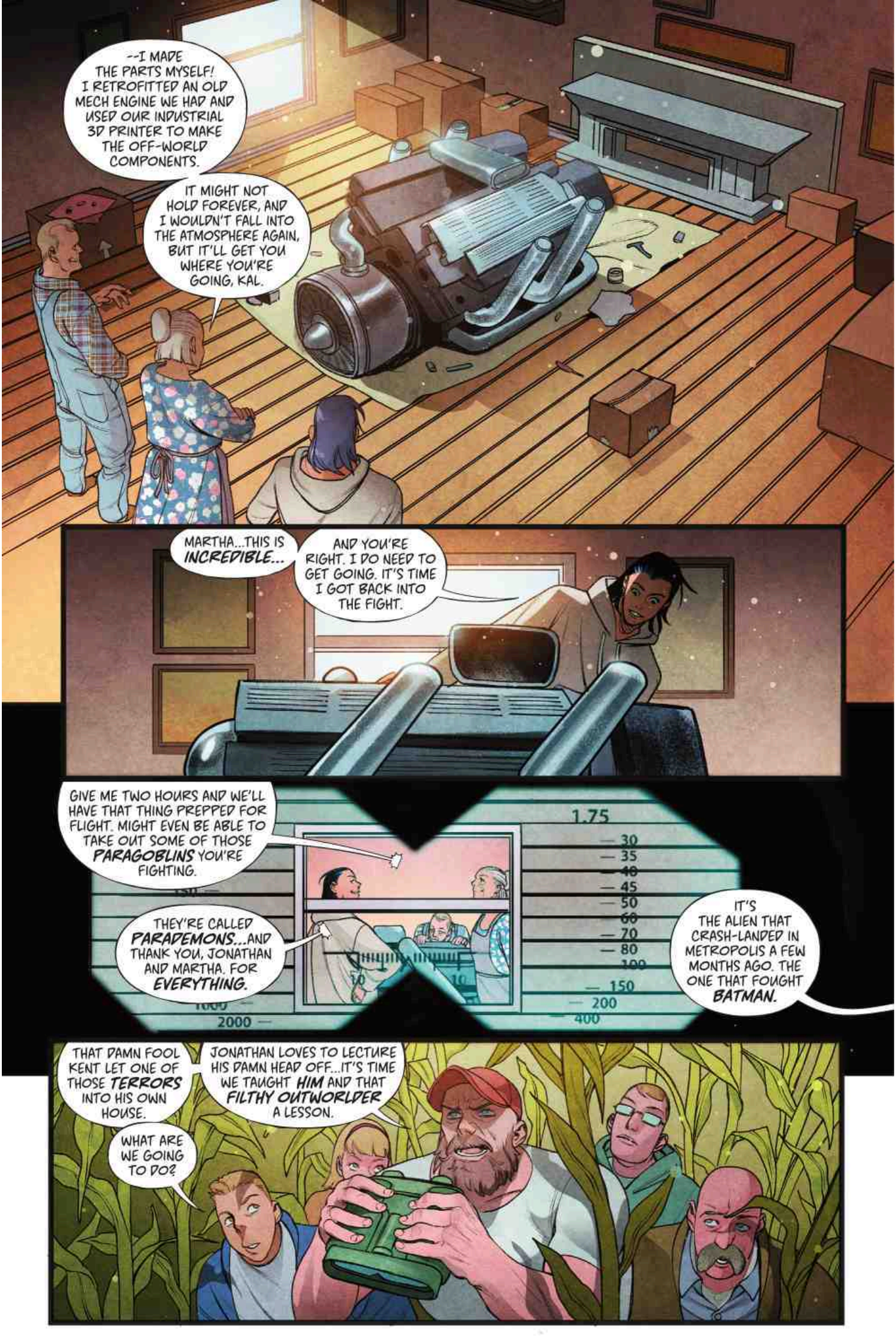
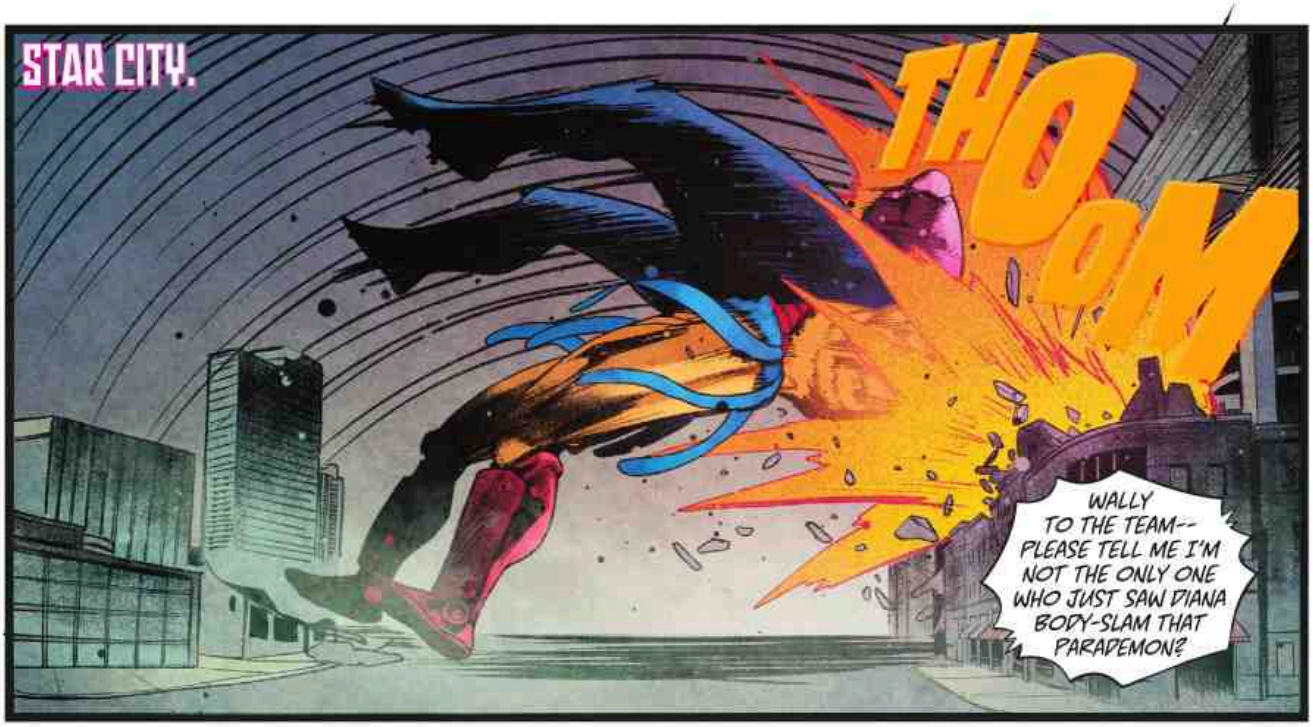
TV--THAT'S ENOUGH.
BLIP
YOU ALL RIGHT, KAL?
WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING. NO PARTS FIT. WITHOUT PROPER SOLAR-ENGINE REPLACEMENTS, THIS THING IS USELESS.
THE SAME GOES FOR THE PILOT.

I DON'T THINK YOUR PARENTS WOULD WANT TO HEAR THAT.
WELL, THEY'RE NOT HERE. THEY SENT THEIR ONLY CHILD HALFWAY ACROSS THE UNIVERSE TO TRY TO SAVE IT...
ALL I MANAGED TO DO WAS MAKE A MESS OF THINGS.
KAL...I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR PARENTS. BUT WITH YOU LIVING UNDER MY ROOF FOR THIS LONG, I KNOW YOU.
WITHOUT YOU, A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD'VE DIED. PLAIN AND SIMPLE.
MAYBE FOLKS DON'T UNDERSTAND NOW... AND MAYBE PEOPLE ARE STILL FULL OF HATE ABOUT SOMETHING THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND...
...BUT THEY DON'T KNOW YOU, KAL... NOT YET...BUT THEY WILL.
YOUR PARENTS AREN'T HERE, BUT IF YOU WERE MY SON, I'D TELL YOU HOW DAMN PROUD OF YOU I AM.
...THANK YOU, MR. KENT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME.
AND DON'T EVER CALL ME MR. KENT AGAIN. I'M JONATHAN.
YOU TWO STOP DRAGGING YOUR HEELS AND GET INSIDE--
--I'VE GOT A FEW SURPRISES FOR YOU!


I DON'T THINK I'VE EATEN THIS MUCH SINCE... WELL, EVER.
MARTHA, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PUT UP SUCH A BIG FUSS.
YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT I FUSS ABOUT.
NOW EAT UP. IF ONE THING GOES COLD, I'M TAKING IT PERSONALLY.
FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS IT WAS JUST ME IN THAT COCKPIT WITH WHAT LITTLE RATIONS I COULD FIND...HUDDLED IN THE COLD OF SPACE.
I'M GONNA MISS THIS... WHEN THE OTHERS LET ME BACK...IF THEY LET ME BACK, I MIGHT STILL HAVE TO EAT IN THAT COCKPIT.
THAT SEAT YOU'RE SITTING IN? IT'S ALWAYS OPEN.
AND THOSE FRIENDS OF YOURS? IF THEY TRULY ARE YOUR FRIENDS...THEY'LL HAVE A SEAT FOR YOU, TOO.
IN THE MEANTIME, I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER THAN A CHAIR FOR YOU--ANOTHER SURPRISE.
YOU KNOW HOW YOU BOYS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SOLVE THAT ENGINE PROBLEM?
OF COURSE, WE DON'T HAVE ANY PARTS THAT WOULD FIT--SO I DECIDED TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH--


--I MADE THE PARTS MYSELF! I RETROFITTED AN OLD MECH ENGINE WE HAD AND USED OUR INDUSTRIAL 3D PRINTER TO MAKE THE OFF-WORLD COMPONENTS.
IT MIGHT NOT HOLD FOREVER, AND I WOULDN'T FALL INTO THE ATMOSPHERE AGAIN, BUT IT'LL GET YOU WHERE YOU'RE GOING, KAL.
MARTHA...THIS IS INCREDIBLE...
AND YOU'RE RIGHT. I DO NEED TO GET GOING. IT'S TIME I GOT BACK INTO THE FIGHT.
GIVE ME TWO HOURS AND WE'LL HAVE THAT THING PREPPED FOR FLIGHT. MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO TAKE OUT SOME OF THOSE PARAGOBLINS YOU'RE FIGHTING.
THEY'RE CALLED PARADEMONS...AND THANK YOU, JONATHAN AND MARTHA. FOR EVERYTHING.
IT'S THE ALIEN THAT CRASH-LANDED IN METROPOLIS A FEW MONTHS AGO. THE ONE THAT FOUGHT BATMAN.
THAT DAMN FOOL KENT LET ONE OF THOSE TERRORS INTO HIS OWN HOUSE.
JONATHAN LOVES TO LECTURE HIS DAMN HEAD OFF...IT'S TIME WE TAUGHT HIM AND THAT FILTHY OUTWORLDER A LESSON.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?


STAR CITY.
THOOM
WALLY TO THE TEAM-- PLEASE TELL ME I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO JUST SAW DIANA BODY-SLAM THAT PARADEMON?

THIS IS JOHN IN THE GREEN LANTERN. CAN CONFIRM, FLASH. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS LITTLE ERRAND PUTS THE LAST OF THE NTH METAL IN OUR HANDS.
IT'S A SHAME THEY DIDN'T PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT. YOU'RE GETTING BETTER WITH THAT RING--YOU COULD'VE SHOWN OFF A LITTLE.
CAN IT, JORDAN.
YOU HEADING BACK WITH US, WONDER WOMAN?

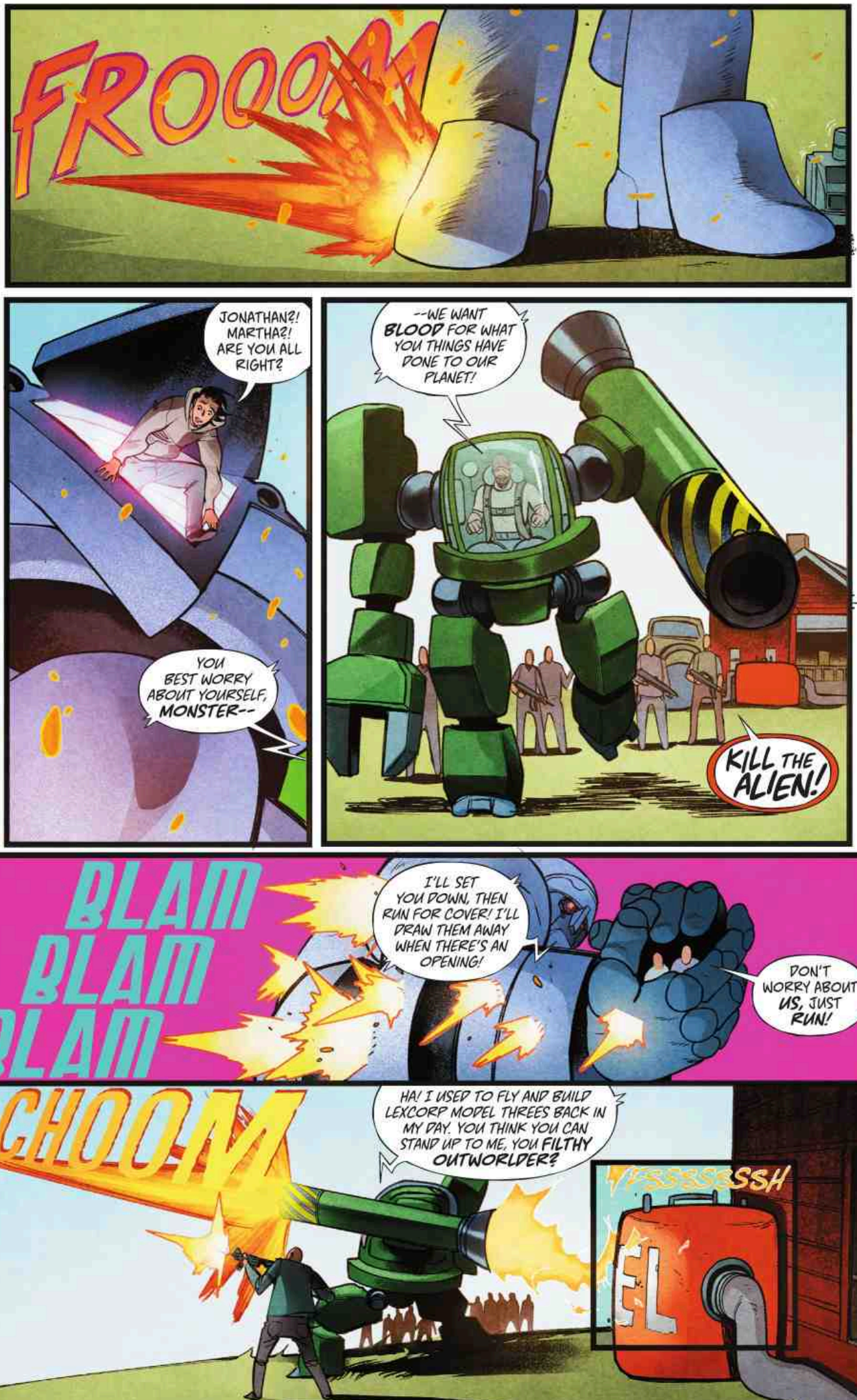
NO. IF THERE ARE STILL PARADEMON UNITS LURKING IN THESE RUINS, I WANT THEM DESTROYED.
I'M GOING TO STAY HERE WITH DIANA... YOU KNOW, FOR BACKUP.

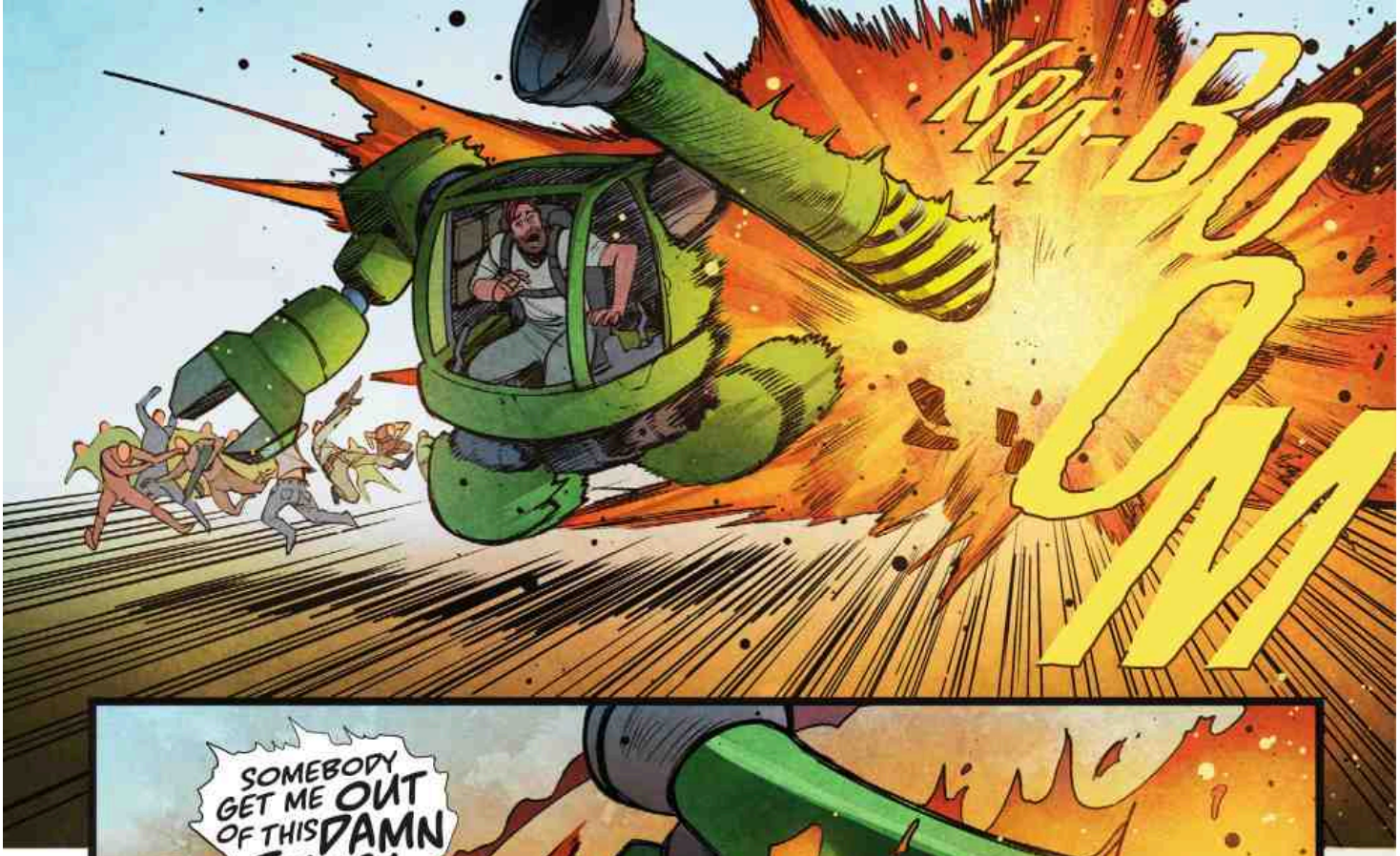
WITH THESE UPGRADED MECHS, WE MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE A SHOT AT REPELLING APOKOLIPS.
NEXT PHASE IS UP TO YOU, ALFRED.
WONDERFUL. MAYBE I CAN INSTALL A MIRACLE INTO THE FRAME WHILE I'M AT IT.
WHAT'S OUR TIMELINE, SHIERA?
NOT GREAT. WE'RE STILL HOURS AWAY FROM COMPLETING THE FRAMES AND ARMOR--
--AND WE'RE NOT EXACTLY FUNCTIONING AT A HUNDRED PERCENT STRENGTH."
WSSSH
HEY, DIANA-- CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND?
YOU SHOULDN'T LEAVE YOURSELF OPEN LIKE THAT. YOU'RE VULNERABLE TO ATTACK OUTSIDE YOUR MECH SUIT.
KLUNG
LOOK...YOU HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING, SO I'M GOING TO SAY IT... I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH CAPTAIN TREVOR.
EVER SINCE WE LOST STEVE AND KAL-EL, WE--
WE DIDN'T LOSE KAL-EL. KAL-EL LED US ALL INTO DANGER. AND I DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY ADVICE ABOUT GRIEVING.
I'M NOT TRYING TO GIVE YOU ADVICE...I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT I UNDERSTAND.
I LOST SOMEONE CLOSE TO ME, TOO--

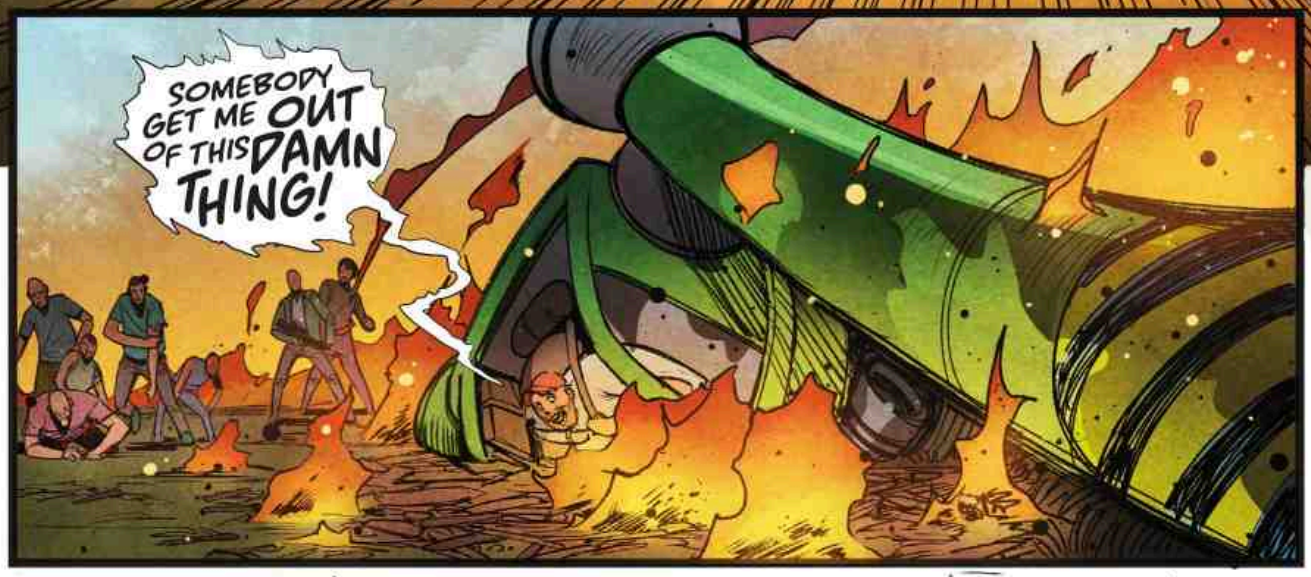
CENTRAL CITY, 3 YEARS AGO.
"HIS NAME WAS BARRY ALLEN. THE FASTEST PILOT ALIVE. HE WAS MY UNCLE...AND HE WAS ALSO MY BEST FRIEND.
"A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, A MILITARY PROJECT CALLED BROTHER EYE WENT HAYWIRE. IT LABELED ALL OF HUMANITY AS THREATS TO THE EARTH AND TRIED TO TAKE OUT CENTRAL CITY.
"THE WORLD'S LEADERS, EVEN LUTHOR, TOLD EVERYONE TO RUN FOR THEIR LIVES.
"THE PROBLEM WAS, BARRY ONLY RAN TOWARD TROUBLE, NOT AWAY FROM IT."
LISTEN UP, KID, I'VE ONLY GOT ENOUGH POWER FOR ONE LAST SPEED FORCE BURST.
IF I CAN'T TAKE OUT THAT MAIN SATELLITE, EVERYONE FROM HERE TO KEYSTONE CITY IS GOING TO DIE.
BUT IT'S ALL THE WAY OUT IN SPACE--YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO REACH IT IN TIME!
BESIDES, IF YOU LEAVE, WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE?
THAT'S UP TO YOU NOW, FLASH.
"HE HAD STARTED THE SPEED FORCE SEQUENCE BEFORE I COULD EVEN ARGUE."
BARRY--NO!
"AND BEFORE I COULD BLINK--"

"--BARRY ALLEN WAS GONE.
RADITOOOOOH
"I WAS SO MAD. HE LEFT ME ALL ALONE...JUST ME AGAINST THE WORLD.
CHOOOOOM
IT TOOK ME MORE THAN A YEAR TO REALIZE THAT HE DIDN'T LEAVE ME--HE TRUSTED ME TO CARRY ON THE FLASH LEGACY.
OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES NEED TO KNOW THAT WE'LL CARRY THE TORCH AFTER THEY'RE GONE...
...SO THAT'S WHAT I DO.
BECAUSE ONE DAY, SOMEONE'S GOING TO COUNT ON ME LIKE I DID ON BARRY TO SAVE LIVES.
I FOUND A FEW SHARDS OF THE FLASH MKII OUT IN SPACE. I CARRY A PIECE AROUND WITH ME EVERY DAY AS A REMINDER.
HERE, TAKE IT. I'VE GOT ANOTHER ONE AT HOME.
WALLY...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REPAY YOU FOR A GIFT LIKE THIS.
YOU CAN REPAY ME BY BEING THE WARRIOR OF THE AMAZONS I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT...AND BY BEING A FRIEND.
BUT ALSO, IF YOU COULD SHOW ME HOW THAT MOTION-TRACKING COCKPIT WORKS...THAT WOULD BE SO DANG COOL.

MAKE SURE TO TAKE SHELTER WHEN THE REAL FIGHTING STARTS...I'LL COME BACK TO CHECK ON YOU WHEN THE DUST SETTLES...IF I'M STILL ALIVE.
YOU BETTER BE. BECAUSE WE'LL BE WAITING.
BEFORE YOU GO, I HAVE ONE MORE THING.
WHEN YOU SAID YOU SPENT SO MUCH TIME OUT IN THE COLD OF SPACE, I COULDN'T LET YOU GO WITHOUT SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU WARM.
I MADE IT FROM SOME DURABLE FABRIC I HAD... I ALSO THOUGHT THE RED AND BLUE COLORS REALLY BROUGHT OUT YOUR FAMILY'S CREST.
THIS IS...THIS IS AMAZING. THANK YOU.
BE WELL, JONATHAN AND MARTHA--AND BE SAFE.
KELEX? YOU UP AND RUNNING AGAIN? START BROADCASTING MY SIGNAL TO THE OTHERS AND SCAN FOR ANY HOSTILES.
ROGER THAT, KAL-EL. BROADCASTING AND SCANNING NOW--
--WAIT! TAKE EVASIVE ACTION, KAL-EL-- INCOMING!


FROOOM
JONATHAN?! MARTHA?! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU BEST WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF, MONSTER--
--WE WANT BLOOD FOR WHAT YOU THINGS HAVE DONE TO OUR PLANET!
KILL THE ALIEN!
BLAM BLAM BLAM
I'LL SET YOU DOWN, THEN RUN FOR COVER! I'LL DRAW THEM AWAY WHEN THERE'S AN OPENING!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, JUST RUN!
CHOOM
HA! I USED TO FLY AND BUILD LEXCORP MODEL THREES BACK IN MY DAY. YOU THINK YOU CAN STAND UP TO ME, YOU FILTHY OUTWORLDER?
VSSSSSSSSH


KA-BOOM

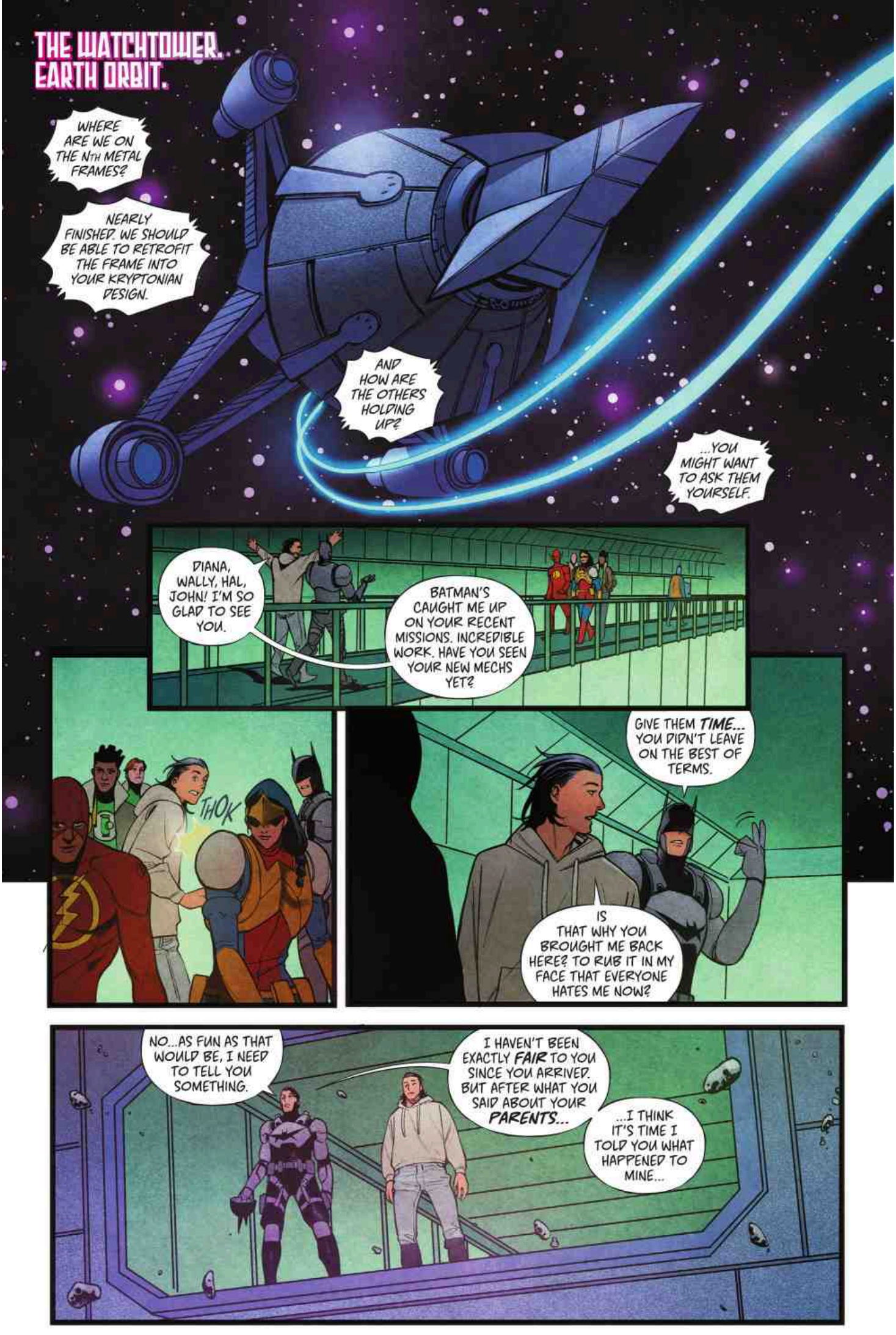

SOMEBODY GET ME OUT OF THIS DAMN THING!

GET OUT OF HERE, KAL-EL!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE?
I'LL GET MY ANTI-FIRE GEAR AND HELP THEM, BUT YOU NEED TO GET THE HECK OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY COME AT YOU AGAIN!

HELP ME!

THOOM
DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT YOU!
KELEX-- ACTIVATE WEAPONIZED COOLANT!
CHAK
FRAA A-THOOOSH
YOU SHOULD BE SAFE, BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET CLEAR IN CASE SOMETHING ELSE ON THAT RIG EXPLODES.
KRSH
HRMPH! OKAY...CAN'T HOLD IT FOR LONG... AUGMENTED MUSCLES ONLY GO SO FAR AND I'M LOW ON SOLAR ENERGY...
TH-THANK YOU...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY--

YOU SHOULD'VE ACTIVATED YOUR BEACON SOONER. SOME OF US THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.
THANKS FOR PROVING US WRONG, KAL.
HAWKWOMAN AND THE OTHERS ARE WAITING--LET'S GET BACK TO THE WATCHTOWER.
ON MY WAY, BATMAN.
THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A HOME.
SON, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A HOME HERE... NOW GO MAKE YOUR FOLKS PROUD.


THE WATCHTOWER. EARTH ORBIT.
WHERE ARE WE ON THE NTH METAL FRAMES?
NEARLY FINISHED. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETROFIT THE FRAME INTO YOUR KRYPTONIAN DESIGN.
AND HOW ARE THE OTHERS HOLDING UP?
...YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK THEM YOURSELF.
DIANA, WALLY, HAL, JOHN! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU.
BATMAN'S CAUGHT ME UP ON YOUR RECENT MISSIONS. INCREDIBLE WORK. HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR NEW MECHS YET?
THOK
GIVE THEM TIME... YOU DIDN'T LEAVE ON THE BEST OF TERMS.
IS THAT WHY YOU BROUGHT ME BACK HERE? TO RUB IT IN MY FACE THAT EVERYONE HATES ME NOW?
NO...AS FUN AS THAT WOULD BE, I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
I HAVEN'T BEEN EXACTLY FAIR TO YOU SINCE YOU ARRIVED. BUT AFTER WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT YOUR PARENTS...
...I THINK IT'S TIME I TOLD YOU WHAT HAPPENED TO MINE...

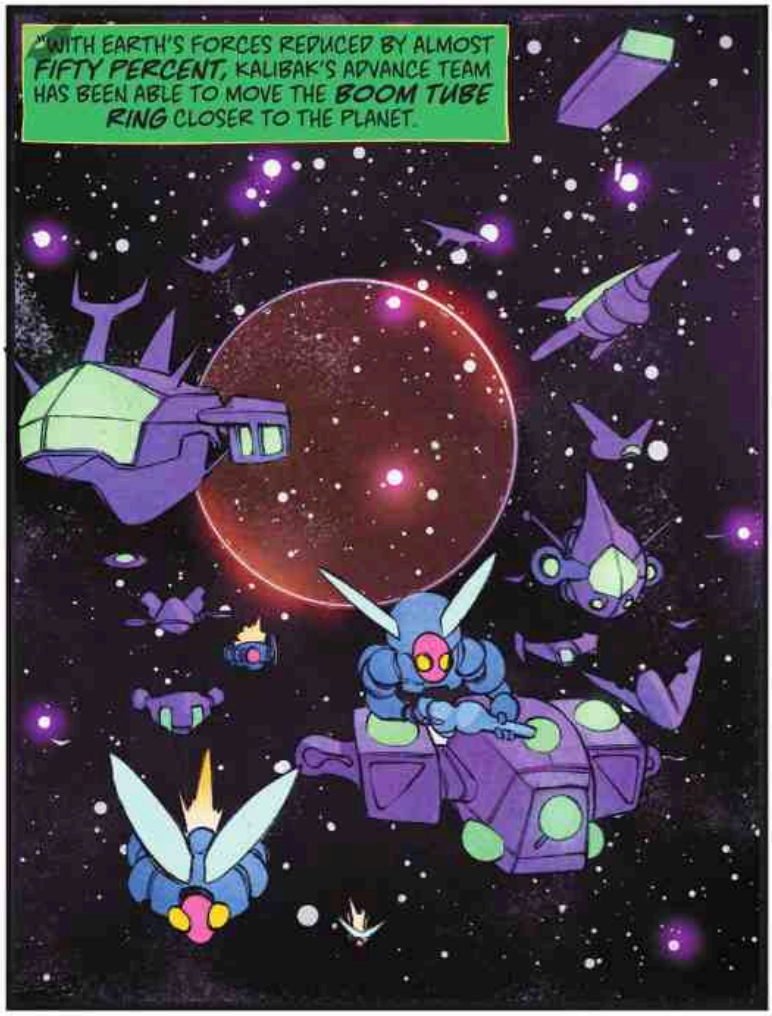
GOTHAM CITY. 14 YEARS AGO.
"MY PARENTS WERE THOMAS AND MARTHA WAYNE. THEY OWNED ONE OF THE BIGGEST MEDICAL SUPPLY AND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY FIRMS ON THE PLANET.
THE MARK OF ZORRO
"INSPIRED BY THE SACRIFICE OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY, THEY WANTED TO HELP KEEP THE PLANET SAFE.

"THAT DIDN'T LAST VERY LONG.
"ACROSS THE PLANET, AN INVASION OF WHAT SOURCES CALLED MARTIANS STRUCK OUR WORLD.

"DESPITE WAYNETECH'S ADVANCED SATELLITE SYSTEM, SOMEHOW ONLY LEXCORP WAS AWARE OF THE INVASION AND RESPONDED FIRST.

CHOOM
"BUT THEY DIDN'T RESPOND FAST ENOUGH."

"IN AN INSTANT, MY WHOLE LIFE SHATTERED. EVERYTHING WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM NOT JUST ME, BUT HUNDREDS OF OTHER FAMILIES.
"I WAS MEANT TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER GROUP OF ALIENS HAD INVADED AND TAKEN MY PARENTS FROM ME.
"BUT I'M NO STRANGER TO TECHNOLOGY.
"IT ONLY TOOK A MINUTE BEFORE I RECOGNIZED THE HANDIWORK THE TRUE ENGINEER LEFT BEHIND--
"--LEX LUTHOR.
"HE STAGED THE INVASION IN ORDER TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE EARTH'S DEFENSE CONTRACTS...MY PARENTS, AND THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS, PAID FOR IT IN BLOOD.
"OF COURSE, DESPITE MY HAVING EVIDENCE, NO ONE WOULD LISTEN TO THE CRAZED ORPHAN SPOUTING CONSPIRACY THEORIES.
"SO THAT DAY I TOOK A VOW--
--THAT I WOULD NEVER LET THAT KIND OF INJUSTICE FALL ON ANYONE AGAIN. THAT I WOULD DEDICATE MY MISSION TO MY PARENTS AND MAKE A BETTER WORLD...JUST LIKE YOU.
LOOK... I DON'T NEED ANY MORE ENEMIES. LORD KNOWS I HAVE TOO MANY ALREADY.
BUT IF YOU'RE STILL WILLING TO COOPERATE... I'M GAME.
I AGREE. WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER.
THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT WITH ME... IT MEANS A LOT, BRUCE.
...YOU CAN LET GO OF MY HAND NOW.
ALL PILOTS TO THE HANGAR IMMEDIATELY-- THE OPERATION HAS BEGUN!


"WITH EARTH'S FORCES REDUCED BY ALMOST FIFTY PERCENT, KALIBAK'S ADVANCE TEAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO MOVE THE BOOM TUBE RING CLOSER TO THE PLANET.

"CAROL FERRIS AND I HAVE ORGANIZED PRIVATE MILITARY GROUPS WITH GENERAL LANE...BUT LUTHOR'S RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DIVERTED SOMEWHERE ELSE.

CAROL AND THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO BUY US THE TIME WE NEED TO FINISH THE NTH METAL FRAMES. THEY'RE BETTING ON US.
WE NEED TO BE READY TO SWOOP IN WITH ADVANCED WEAPONS TO PROVIDE THE PUSH WE NEED TO SAVE THIS WORLD.

WE CAN'T SPARE ANYONE TO MAKE REPAIRS ON THE CURRENT MECH SUITS. SO WE'RE GROUNDED UNTIL IT'S OUR TIME TO SHINE.
ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE CONSIDERED SUICIDE AND COULD PUT THE WHOLE PLAN AT RISK.
IF YOU AND HAWKWOMAN THINK IT WILL WORK, I'M WITH YOU.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, KAL--

I MIGHT NOT HAVE FULL CONTROL OF THE BATTERY, BUT THE GREEN LANTERN IS THE BEST BET WE HAVE TO HIT THAT THING NOW AND DESTROY IT BEFORE APOKOLIPS CAN EVEN GET HERE.
IF SOMEONE CAN GIVE HAL AND ME AN OPENING, HE CAN FLY US IN, AND WE CAN STOP THIS WITHOUT SENDING MORE PEOPLE INTO THE MEAT GRINDER.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME TWICE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR COURAGE, BUT I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T LET YOU.
I WON'T LET MY TEAMMATES DIE NEEDLESSLY IN THIS BATTLE. YOUR PLACE IS AT OUR SIDE, NOT ON A SUICIDE RUN.
SHE TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH.

THEN IT'S SETTLED.
ALFRED AND I WILL OVERSEE THE FINAL ADJUSTMENTS AND THE NEW DESIGNS. WE'LL JOIN THE FIGHT WHEN WE'RE READY.
SURE WE WILL...AT THE SACRIFICE OF OTHER EARTH PILOTS.

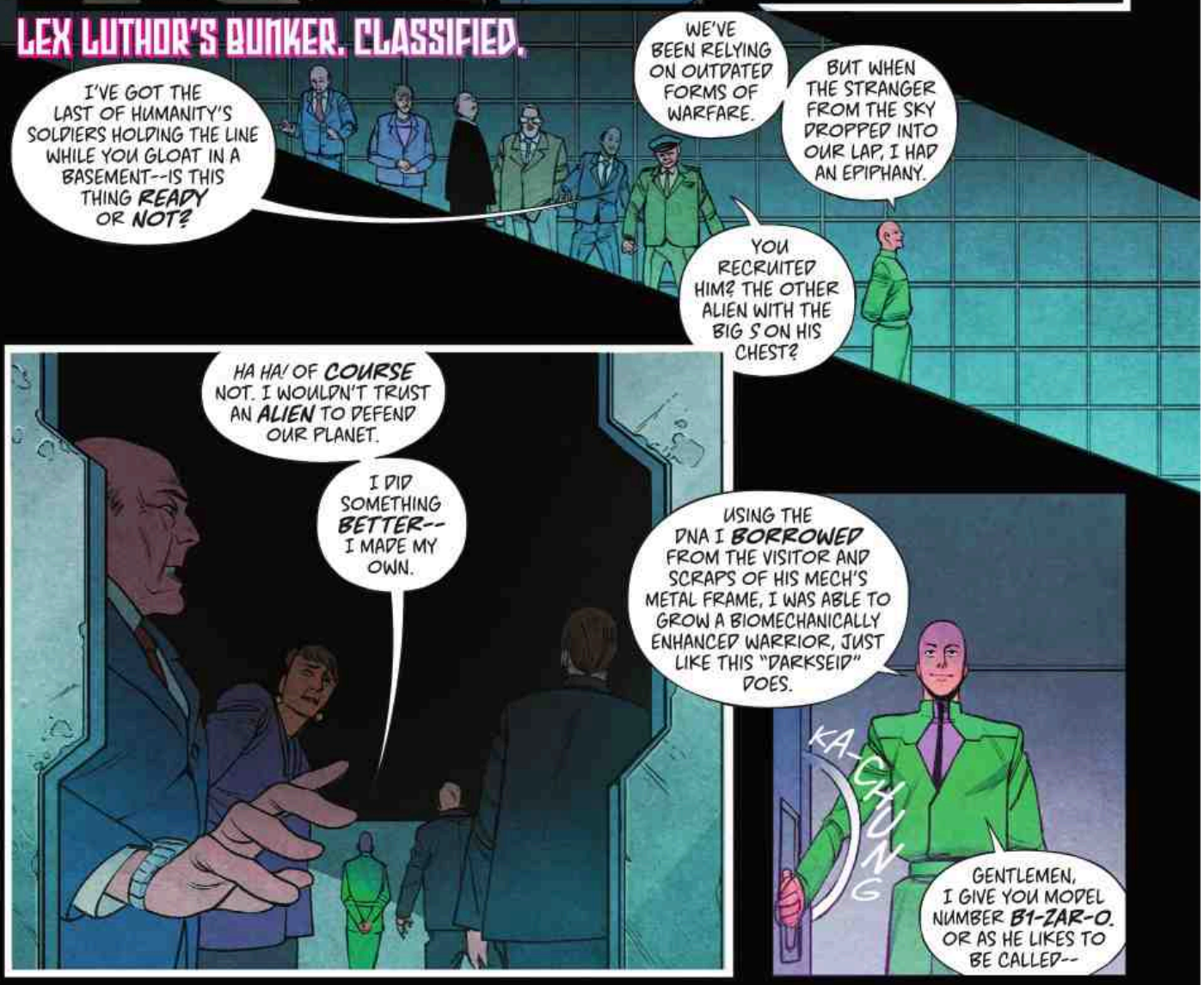
LOOK, ALL I'M ASKING FOR IS A PUSH, WALLY.
JUST TO GET US UP TO A SPEED WHERE WE CAN CUT THROUGH THEIR DEFENSES.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, NO. I'M NOT GOING TO HELP YOU KILL YOURSELVES.

WALLY, SOMETIMES IN WAR, YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE HARD CHOICES.
I'M WEARING A LEGACY RIGHT HERE THAT I NEED TO LIVE UP TO--
--AND YOU KNOW EXACTLY HOW THAT FEELS. IF BARRY COULD SAVE LIVES, WOULD HE STAND BY AND DO NOTHING?
WHAT DO YOU SAY, KID?
YOU READY TO LIVE UP TO YOUR NAMESAKE?

APOKOLIPS. DEEP SPACE.
BOOM
DESPITE MY OFFSPRING'S BEST EFFORTS, EARTH WILL SOON BE FUEL FOR MY FORGE.
NOT SINCE I FIRST PIERCED THE SOURCE WALL HAS THE ANTI-LIFE ENGINE ROARED LIKE A RAVENOUS LION.
OPEN A CHANNEL THROUGH THE BOOM TUBE, GRANNY-- I DEMAND AN AUDIENCE WITH MY PREY.
ATTENTION ALL BEINGS SHACKLED TO THE CHAINS OF FREE WILL.
METROPOLIS.
REJOICE, FOR THE GLORY OF DARKSEID IS UPON YOU.
YOUR SCREAMS WILL WHIR INTO THE COSMIC ROAR OF THE ANTI-LIFE ENGINE, BRINGING AN END TO THE TYRANNY OF THOUGHT ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.
ALL WILL BE GONE.
DARKSEID IS.

ABOVE THE MOON.
"IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE ABOUT GODS, IT'S THAT THEY SURE LOVE TO MONOLOGUE.

"THANKFULLY, THE TIME OF GODS, NEW AND OLD, IS OVER.
"GOD IS DEAD. LONG LIVE LUTHOR."


LEX LUTHOR'S BUNKER. CLASSIFIED.
I'VE GOT THE LAST OF HUMANITY'S SOLDIERS HOLDING THE LINE WHILE YOU GLOAT IN A BASEMENT--IS THIS THING READY OR NOT?
WE'VE BEEN RELYING ON OUTDATED FORMS OF WARFARE.
BUT WHEN THE STRANGER FROM THE SKY DROPPED INTO OUR LAP, I HAD AN EPIPHANY.
YOU RECRUITED HIM? THE OTHER ALIEN WITH THE BIG S ON HIS CHEST?
HA HA! OF COURSE NOT. I WOULDN'T TRUST AN ALIEN TO DEFEND OUR PLANET.
I DID SOMETHING BETTER-- I MADE MY OWN.
USING THE DNA I BORROWED FROM THE VISITOR AND SCRAPS OF HIS MECH'S METAL FRAME, I WAS ABLE TO GROW A BIOMECHANICALLY ENHANCED WARRIOR, JUST LIKE THIS "DARKSEID" DOES.
KA-CHUNG
GENTLEMEN, I GIVE YOU MODEL NUMBER B1-ZAR-O. OR AS HE LIKES TO BE CALLED--

--BIZARRO!
COMMENCE LAUNCH SEQUENCE! IT'S TIME TO END THIS DAMN WAR ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE WAY IT ALWAYS SHOULD HAVE BEEN-- BY MY HAND.
Bi..zarr..o.

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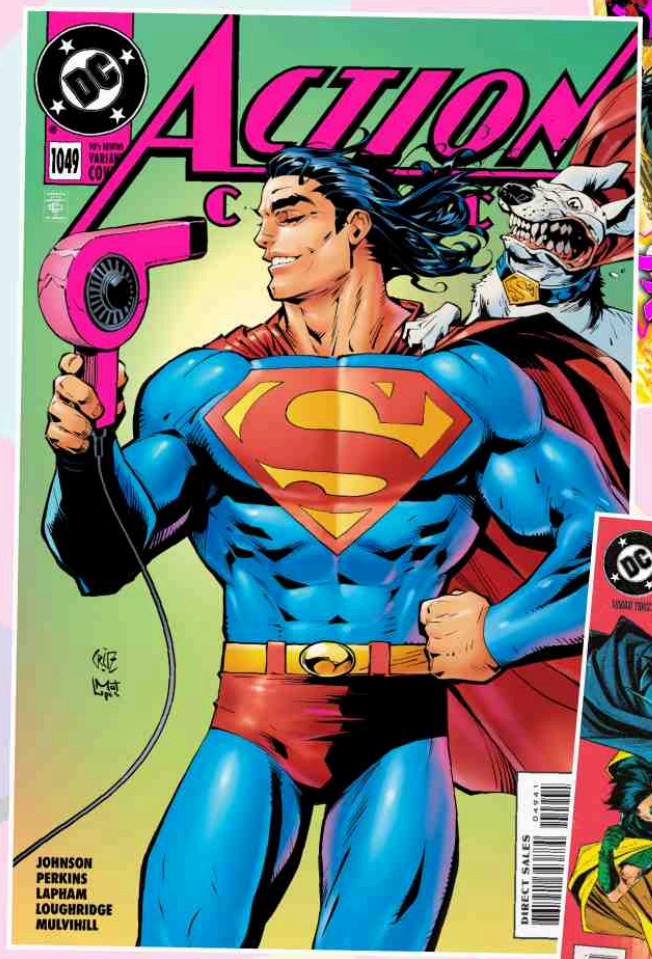

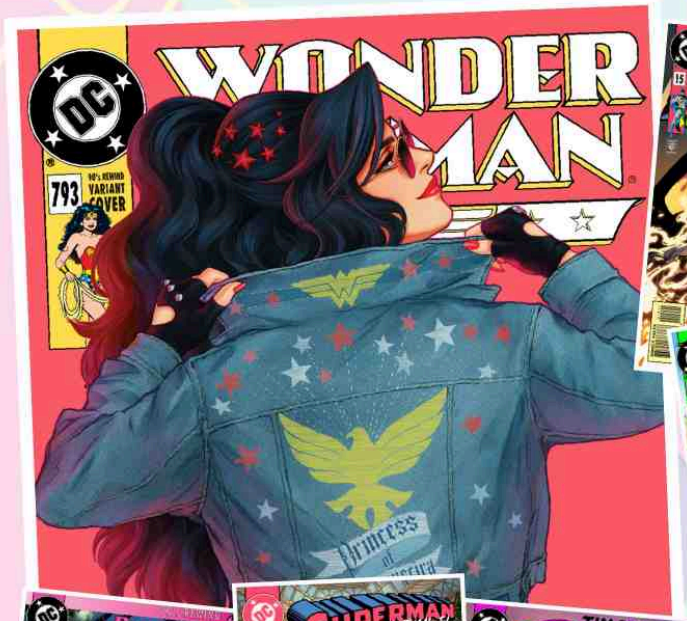

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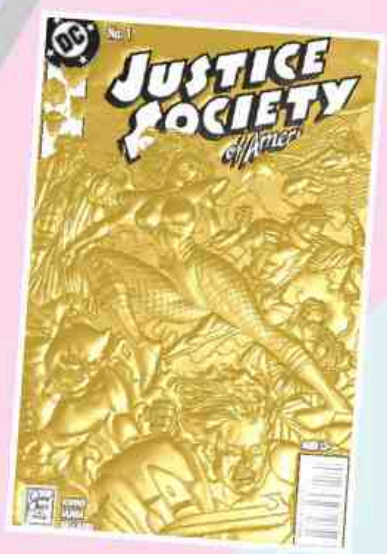

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

BATMAN & THE JOKER THE DEADLY DUO

INTERVIEW WITH MARC SILVESTRI

Years in the making, the seven-issue DC Black Label series *Batman & The Joker: The Deadly Duo* has arrived, as legendary writer and artist Marc Silvestri unveils his dark and brutal Gotham opus. As the title implies, the Dark Knight and the Clown Prince of Crime must team up against an all-new foe—so you can only imagine the types of horrors about to be unleashed.

WHAT IS *BATMAN & THE JOKER: THE DEADLY DUO* ABOUT?

It's a journey into the heart of darkness. It's a story that looks at what's important in a person's life, and how far they're willing to go to protect it. What happens when your life is defined, literally, by the very existence of another person? How long can two bitter enemies hold it in before they absolutely have to beat the crap out of each other? [*Laughs*]

We begin with a dilemma that The Joker finds himself in; then we move to Batman investigating a crime that turns out to be much more than he bargained for. Suddenly, he realizes The Joker has done something that gives Batman no out, and by the end of the first issue, they're teammates. That's where it starts—and as crazy as the first issue is, it just keeps going.

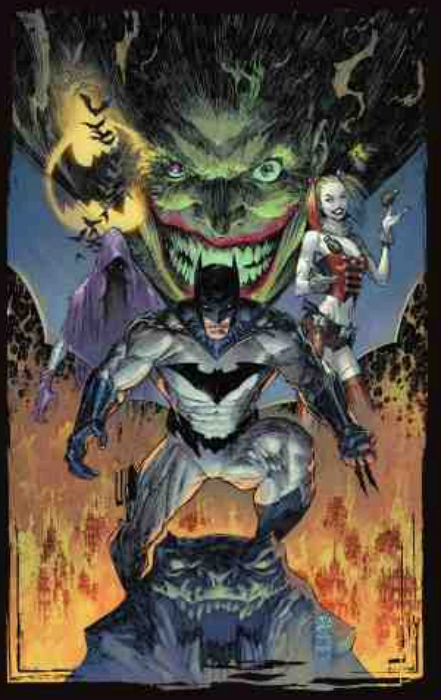
HOW DID YOU BRING YOUR SIGNATURE ART STYLE TO BATMAN AND GOTHAM CITY?

I think people who have followed my career will recognize, fairly quickly, that this looks different. It looks like me, but there's other things going on. The way I approached Gotham—massively impossible buildings that just look really cool and give a feeling of claustrophobia and life.

With the Batmobile, I went away from the tanklike look and made it more sleek. The same with my Batman. My Batman looks fast. He's powerful. I've always considered Batman to be a real force of nature. He's physically imposing.

WHAT IS THE TONE OF *DEADLY DUO*?

It's a buddy-cop horror story. It's dark, but definitely has shards of humor in it. When you think of the situation itself—Batman and The Joker have to work together to fight a new common foe—that situation is both horrifying and funny at the same time.



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